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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ABSTRACT

Prohibition - Tapping of tree for sweet toddy - Testing of Sweet toddy by using litmus paper - Orders issued.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.1673. Dated 6--6--1950.

READ:

From the Palm-Gur Adviser to the Government of India Letter No.761/50 PG dated 10--2--50.
" " Board of Revenue (Excise) C.R.NO.7155 Abk/ 50 XA1 dated 23-3-50.
" " Registrar of Co-operative Soceities, letter C.R.No.29312/50 X1 dated 8-5-50.
" " Board of Revenue (Excise) C.R.No.7155 Abk/50XA1 dated 16--5--50.

ORDER:

In his letter cited the Palm Gur Adviser to the Government of India has suggested the use of litmus paper for examining whether the receptacles used for drawing sweet toddy have been effectively coated internally with lime to prevent fermentation, instead of continuing the present method by which effective liming is tested by the presence of lime in the pot. The Palm-Gur Advisor has stated that if red litmus turns blue on dipping in the sweet juice in the pot, the coating of lime should be considered as effective and that if the pot is not effectively limed the blue litmus when dipped in the juice will turn red indicating that the juice is fermented. This method is stated to be fool-proof and cheap. The adoption of the above method will also tend to curb the tendency on the part of tappers to use more lime than is necessary out of fear of prosecution, and the quality of the jaggery produced will therefore improve. The Board of Revenue (Excise) has agreed to the proposal of the Palm Gur Adviser and has recommended that the scheme may first be tried in a district like Tirunelveli or West Godavari where tapping offences are always reported to be on a large scale. The Government accept the recommendati n and direct that the scheme be tried with immediate effect in both the districts of Tiruvelveli and West Godavari.

2. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is requested to take necessary steps to bring the new procedure to the notice of all the tappers concerned through the respective co-operative sodeties.

3. The Board is requested to report by the end of May 1951 whether the new method has been working satisfactorily in the two districts and whether it can be extended to the other districts where sweet toddy tapping is allowed.

4. In his letter quoted above the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has suggested the use of chemical indicators like read or blue litmus, phenolphthalein, turmeric and bermothymal papers. In view of the orders in para 1 above, no action will taken on the above suggestion.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Board of Revenue (Excise,
" " Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
Copy to the Palm Gur Adviser to the Government
of India, Ministry of Agriculture,
(Palm Gur) Section), New Delhi.
" " Inspector General of Police,
" " Development and Home Department.

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